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SUBJECT: HIJACKING OF JAPANESE FREIGHTER

1. JAPANESE COUNSELLOR ADVISED EMBASSY THAT FIVE PERSONS
REPRESENTING COMPANY INTERESTS AND CARRYING REQUESTED RANSOM
DEPARTING FOR ZAMBOANGA AFTERNOON 27 SEPTEMBER TO ATTEMPT ARRANGE
DELIVERY OF RANSOM BY SMALL
BOAT TO FREIGHTER. FIVEPERSONS ACCCOMPANIED BY JAPANESE EMBASSY
OFFICIAL WHO IS TO ATTEMTP TO SECURE COOERRATION OF SOUWESCOM WHICH
IS HANDLING MATTER FOR GOP. JAPANESE EMBASSY HAS SO FAR BEEN
UNABLE TO OBTAIN ANY GUIDANCE FROM GOP AS TO WHAT ITS POLICY
TOWARDS HIJACKERS AND RANSOM DELIVERY WILL BE. SINCE JAPANESE
CONTACTS SO FAR ONLY WITH PHILIPPINE MILITARY, WHICH PROFESSES
INABILITY TO SECOND GUESS SOUWESCOM,
WE SUGGESTED THEY REQUEST GUIDANCE FROMSECRETARY MELCHOR'S OFFICE.

2. ALTHOUGH JAPANESE WANT TO PAY OFF HIJACKERS, SOUWES COM

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CURRENTLY PURSUING APPARENTLY DIFFERENT POLICY. ACCORDING TO

COMPANY OFFICIALS, BOAT

WAS LOCATED BY PHILIPPINE NAVY PATROL CRAFT AND ULTIMATELY CLOSELY SURROUNDED BY EIGHT CRAFT. PROXIMITY OF NAVAL CRAFT MADE CONDITIONS ON FREIGHTER SO UNPLEASANT THAT COMPANY REQUESTED AND PHILIPPINE NAVY AGREED TO WITHDRAW SOME DISTANCE FROM FREIGHTER. PHILIPPINE NAVY HAS NOT INDICATED WHAT ITS ORDERS ARE BUT JAPANESE EMBASSY SUSPECTS THAT NAVY MAY PREVENT DELIVERY OF RANSOM. ACCORDING TO JAPANESE COUNSELLOR, GOP RESPONSE TO THIS CASE FAR LESS RESPONSIVE THAN TO RECENT KIDNAPPING IN ZAMBOANGA OF JAPANESE TOURIST SEKI.

3. COMMENT: GOP MAY NOT HAVE YET DEVISED FINITE POLICY TOWARDS THIS LATEST HIJACKING BUT IT OBVIOUSLY REGARDS INCIDENT AS FAR MORE SERIOUS THAN KIDNAPPING OF ONE INDIVIDUAL IN VIEW OF ORGANIZED AND ARMED PARTICIPATION OF MUSLIMS, AND AS POSSIBLE INDICATION OF CONTINUED HARRASSMENT BY MUSLIMS IN THIS MANNER.

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